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C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 2169

SUBJ: STATUS OF MONTVILLE AT BAIDA

1. REQUEST YOU ENDEAVOR CONTACT RCC PERSONALITY WHO CONVOKED MEETING OF DIP CORPS REPRESENTATIVES LAST EVE AND RAISE WITH HIM QUESTION OF STATUS MONTVILLE IN BAIDA. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT MONTVILLE IS ONLY AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC OFFICER ASSIGNED BAIDA AND THAT HIS INABILITY GO FROM HIS RESIDENCE TO EMBASSY OFFICE IS SOURCE OF GRAVE CONCERN. YOU MAY ALSO POINT OUT SUBJECT HAS BEEN RAISED WITH RCC REPRESENTATIVES TRIPOLI WHO DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER ANY ACTION COULD OR WOULD BE TAKEN. IN VIEW RCC REPRESENTATIVES' ASSURANCES CONVEYED TO YOU, AS WELL AS TO US, THAT MILITARY MOVEMENT WAS IN NO WAY DIRECTED AGAINST ANY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OR FOREIGNERS, WE BELIEVE STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN BY RCC AUTHORITY TO PERMIT MONTVILLE TO TRAVEL WITHOUT HINDRANCE TO EMBOFF BAIDA.

2. IN MAKING FOREGOING APPROACH, YOU SHOULD PRESENT MATTER AS PRATICAL AND OPERATIONAL ONE AND NOT RPT NOT AS DIPLOMATIC DEMARCHE, IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY CONNOTATION OF FORMAL RECOGNITION BY USG OF NEW REGIME. IF YOU SHOULD BE ASKED WHETHER YOUR APPROACH REPRESENTS SUCH RECOGNITION, YOU SHOULD REPLY THAT YOU OPERATING ONLY ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM EMBOFF TRIPOLI.

3. I HAVE APPOINTMENT FOR 1600 LOCAL WITH TRIPOLI REPS RCC FOR PURPOSE MAKING SAME APPROACH. REPORT

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